

- Federal Funding for Van Cortlandt Manor Site in Final Spending Bill Sent to President -

Washington, DC – Federal funding that U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) secured for Van Cortlandt Manor in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for making improvements that will allow the site to provide stronger presentations regarding the history of transportation and the environment is included in the final spending bill that Congress sent to the President this week to become law. The \$47,161 secured by Congressman Hall for the improvements has survived all rounds of House-Senate appropriations negotiations and was included in the final version of the funding bill passed by both the House and the Senate this week. The President is expected to sign the legislation.

"Van Cortlandt Manor is a wonderful piece of history right here in the 19th Congressional District," said Hall. "Its continued success is important to the region's economy and historic preservation."

Van Cortlandt Manor is an 18th Century country estate that currently serves as a living history museum. Located on 140 acres in the Village of Croton on Hudson, Van Cortlandt Manor offers visitors a glimpse into country life in the early United States. Historic Hudson Valley, which operates Van Cortlandt Manor and other historic sites, is working to strengthen its programming through collaboration with environmental organizations and using site resources such as the ferry house and landing. Programming will also be updated to appeal to a broad audience.

The Senate approved the funds on Tuesday night, followed by a final House vote last night, and the President is expected to sign the measure into law in the coming days.